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Dear Mr Leaser

Thank you from Inala

I am writing to thank you and express our immense gratitude for your untiring efforts on behalf of the individuals with disability whom Inala supports.

You have expressed deep concern that many of Inala's people are receiving on average 30% less NDIS funding than the national average, and we thank you for taking it upon yourself to advocate successfully to investigate why.

As you know, most of the 200 individuals Inala supports have the highest support needs due to their intellectual and/or physical disability being defined as either severe or profound. This means that the person needs assistance carrying out daily activities that most of us take for granted, such as self-care including showering and eating, mobilising, communicating, decision-making, proactive health care, reading and writing tasks, transportation, household chores, meal preparation, participation in education, employment and social opportunities. Most of the individuals we support are unable to work due to their disability, and therefore they are unable to earn an income and rely solely on government funding for their support needs.

As you are aware through giving your time to meet with us, currently these individuals' support needs are not being funded adequately, and in some cases, they have been waiting for 12-18 months for a response from the NDIA when they have requested additional funding to cover the cost of their support.

Until now, the voices of the people Inala support have not been heard, nor have their support needs been properly considered, and we are extremely grateful to you for advocating for their voices to be heard. We hope that your successful advocacy on behalf of Inala will also have a positive impact on the approximately 1.4 million other Australians with a severe or profound disability.

We wish you every success in the upcoming election as you have always been a positive voice for Inala and an engaged member of our community. Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely

Alexandra Davis
Chief Executive Officer